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For:    A PROCESS FOR PREPARING CEPHALOSPORANIC ACID DERIVATIVES  
         USING ALPHA-KETOACID DERIVATIVES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to initial examination, kindly amend the captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on pages 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.